

Evidentiary Document No. 5373.

Auckland,  
NEW ZEALAND.

12th June 1946.

[Joseph Wilfred CRAWIN solemnly and sincerely declares as follows:]

I am Medical Superintendent of the Auckland Public Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand. I reside at the Medical Superintendent's residence at the Hospital, Auckland.

[I was on the reserve of officers Territorial Army Royal Army Medical Corps on the outbreak of World War II. I was posted by the War Office to the Alexandra Military Hospital, Singapore, and appointed officer commanding. My rank then was Lieutenant Colonel and I was holding that position when Singapore fell to the Japanese, on the 15th February 1942.

About 4 p.m. on the 14th February 1942 the Japanese overran the Hospital which was clearly marked with Red Cross markings. A number of patients and staff were killed and wounded by explosives and bayonets. About 200 more patients and staff were removed under escort by the Japanese. They were kept in three very small rooms without food or water or any attention till midday on the 15th February 1942, when they were taken out in small groups and bayoneted to death.

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On the 12th June 1946 I was shown by Detective Jones an extract of my report referred to above. This extract reads as follows:-

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The Japanese G.O.C. called at the hospital at 3 p.m. Japanese time. Through an interpreter he expressed regret for the hard time the hospital had had, and assured me that the Japanese were hard fighters but kindly captors and that we had nothing to fear. The Japanese proverb about nursing the wounded bird to the hunter's breast was quoted to us as an assurance. This is what I gathered. Before leaving he visited parts of the hospital and finally I was told that I was to regard his visit as being that of a direct representative of the Japanese Emperor, and that no higher honour could be paid us."

I identify this extract as being a true extract from the report which I made in May 1942.

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I have been shown a photograph by Detective Jones and I identify it as being Lieut. General Renya MUTAGUCHI, who was the Japanese General officer commanding referred to in the extract above.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Justices of the Peace Act 1927.

Declared at Auckland this 12th day )  
of June 1946, before me )

(Signed) J.W. CRAVIN.

(Signed) GLADYS FOWLER, J.P.  
Justice of the peace in  
and for the Dominion of  
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Statement taken and witnessed by:-

(Signed) D.L. JONES.  
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ジョセフ、ウィルフレッド、クレイゲン  
 ハ嚴正且誠實ニ左ノ如ク陳述ス。

私ハ第二次世界大戰勃発ノ當時英帝國陸軍地方軍軍医部  
豫備役將校ヲシタ。私ハ陸軍省ニ依ツテ新嘉坡ノアレキサンドラ  
陸軍病院ニ配属サレ院長ニ任命サレマシタ。私ノ階級ハ當時中佐テ  
アリマシテ千九百四十二年ノ昭和十七年二月十五日ニ新嘉坡カ日本軍  
ノ手ニ落チタ時其ノ地位ヲ保持シテ居リマシタ。

十九百四十二年、昭和十七年二月十四日午後四時頃日本人ハ明カニ赤十字標識ヲ附ケタイタ該病院ニ侵入シマシタ。多クノ患者及び職員ハ爆薬ト銃劍ヲ殺傷サレマシタ。ソノ上約二百人以上ノ患者及び職員ハ日本人ノ警告護ノ下ニ移轉サセラレマシタ。彼等ハ千九百四十二年、昭和十七年二月十五日正午マテ食物モ水モ何等ノ手當モナシニ非常ニ狭イミツノ室ニ留置サレテ居マシタ。其時小人數ノ組ニ分ケテ連シ出サシ銃劍ヲ刺シ殺サレマシタ。

千九百零二年、昭和十七年、五月中、ニ英國馬來軍司令部ノ要求ニ  
依ツテ私ハ日本人ノアレキサンドラ陸軍病院侵入ヲ繞ル事件ノ完全  
ソレテ詳細ナ復命書ヲ編纂シマシタ。私ハ此ノ復命書ヲ馬來軍  
司令部軍医部長代理「デイスティングイツシエ、サーグイス」及び「オフィ  
サリ、ブリチツシエ、エムパイア」勲位保持者ストリンカー代將ニ手交シマシタ。  
私ハ此ノ復命書ノ寫一部ヲ持ツテ居テ千九百四十五年、昭和二十年、  
九月十四日私カ釋放サレタ時ニ私ハ私ノ本復命書寫ヲ新嘉坡  
「ヤンギー監獄」テ戦争犯罪調査委員会附將校ニ手渡シマシタ。



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私ハ千九百四十六年昭和二十一年六月十二日上述ノ私ノ復命書カラノ  
抜萃ヲジョーンズ探偵ニ依ツテ示サレマシタ。此ノ抜萃ハ左ノ通りデス  
日千九百四十二年二月十七日火曜日

日本軍司令官ハ日本時同午後三時ニ病院ヲ訪問シタ一通訳ヲ  
通シテ彼ハ該病院ニ苦難ノ時カ有ツタコトヲ遺憾トスル旨ヲ求メ  
日本人ハ勇猛ヲ戦士タカ親切ニ俘虏ヲ過スル而シテ我々ハ何モ恐  
レルコトハ無イト私ニ確言シタ。獵師ノ胸ニ入ツタ傷ツイタ鳥ハ看護  
シテヤルトイフ日本ノ諺カ一ツノ保證トシテ我々ノ為メニ引用サレタ。  
此ノ諺ハ私が推量シテ綴リ合ハセタモデアル。退去ノ前ニ彼ハ病  
院ノ各部ヲ訪問シ、最後ニ私が彼ノ来訪ヲ日本國天皇ノ直使ノ  
訪問ト見做ス可キコト且ソレが我々ニ與ヘラレタ無上ノ光榮デアル  
旨ヲ私ニ告ゲタ

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